

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15, 20 and 23 as follows:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are included below.

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15. (Amended Three Times) An update processing and transmission system, comprising:  
storage means for storing said status information relating to a commerce-related event;  
status information retrieval means for retrieving said status information from the  
common carrier information system and storing the status information in the storage means;  
message generation means for automatically generating a status message reflective of  
said status information; and  
message forwarding means for automatically forwarding said status message to a point  
where it may be accessed by an interested party.

16. (Unchanged) The system of claim 15, wherein said status information relates to  
shipment of an item.

17. (Unchanged) The system of claim 15, wherein said status information retrieved by  
said status information retrieval means is contained on a second computer physically remote  
from a first computer on which said status information is stored and accessible via a network.

18. (Unchanged) The system of claim 15, wherein said status information is stored on a  
status information database within a first computer.

19. (Unchanged) The system of claim 15, further comprising a status information database  
for separately storing status information.

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20. (Amended Three Times) An update processing and transmission method, including:  
receiving status information relating to a commerce-related event in response to a status query to a common carrier information system;  
storing the status information in a status database relating to a commerce-related event;  
retrieving said status information from the status database;  
automatically generating a status message reflective of said status information; and  
automatically forwarding said status message to a point where it may be accessed by an interested party.

21. (Unchanged) The method of claim 20, wherein said status information relates to shipment of an item.

22. (Unchanged) The method of claim 20, wherein said status information retrieved is contained on a first computer physically remote from a second computer which stores the status information.

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23. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said status information is stored on the status information database within a first computer.

24. (Unchanged) The method of claim 20, further comprising separately storing said status information.